

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2834

By Ms. Khan of Newton, petition of Kay Khan and others for legislation to provide for the protection and care of certain children born to incarcerated mothers. Children and Families.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

### PETITION OF:

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| Kay Khan          | Ruth B. Balser     |
| Deborah D. Blumer | Anne M. Paulsen    |
| Cory Atkins       | Joyce A. Spiliotis |

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION AND CARE OF CERTAIN CHILDREN.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Section 23A of Chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing  
2 in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after  
3 the word “child”, in line 11, the following words:— ; provided,  
4 however, that every effort shall be made to keep infants of twelve  
5 months or less born to incarcerated mothers with their mothers. If  
6 it is not possible for the child to remain with the mother, the care  
7 of the child will be taken care of through other arrangements.